

THE MUELLER INVESTIGATION ANALYSIS

Trump: ‘For the haters and the radical left Democrats — Game Over.’

Attorney General Barr: The bottom line — this report finds no collusion.

Democrats: Impeachment ‘a possibility,’ but it’s time to question Mueller.

Report does not exonerate Trump

Mueller Report

On obstruction of justice: “If we had confidence after a thorough investigation of the facts that the President clearly did not commit obstruction of justice, we would so state. Based on the facts and the applicable legal standards, we are unable to reach that judgment.”

On collusion with Russia:

“Although ... the Campaign expected it would benefit electorally from information stolen and released through Russian efforts, the investigation did not establish that members of the Trump Campaign conspired or coordinated with the Russian government in its election interference activities.”

On accusing a sitting president:

“We recognized that a federal criminal accusation against a sitting President would place burdens on the President’s capacity to govern and potentially preempt constitutional processes for addressing presidential misconduct.”

Del Quentin Wilber and Chris Megerian Los Angeles Times

Special counsel Robert Mueller explicitly did not exonerate President Donald Trump of allegations that he tried to obstruct the Russia investigation, and found that his 2016 campaign “expected it would benefit” from Russian efforts to influence the election. “If we had confidence after a thorough investigation of the facts that the President clearly did not commit obstruction of justice, we would so state,” Mueller wrote in his report, which the Justice Department released in redacted form Thursday.

“Based on the facts and the applicable legal standards, we are unable to reach that judgment,” the report said. Mueller did not conclude that the president committed a crime. Instead, in its 448 pages of legal analysis and supporting evidence, his report detailed “multiple acts by the president that were capable of exerting undue influence over law enforcement investigations, including the Russian-”

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REGION

St. Pat’s suspect was arrested at Newark church

Anthony G. Attrino For The Star-Ledger

The New Jersey man accused of bringing gasoline cans and lighters into St. Patrick’s Cathedral in New York on Wednesday was arrested two days earlier for refusing to leave Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark, according to Essex County Sheriff Armando B. Fontoura. Marc Lamparello, 37, of Hasbrouck Heights, also had booked a one-way Thursday flight to Rome, the New York Police Department said.

Lamparello, who faces attempted arson, reckless endangerment and trespassing in the New York incident, refused on Monday to leave the famed Newark cathedral, the fifth-largest in North America, when a Mass had ended about 10:20 p.m., Fontoura said Thursday. “Take me out in handcuffs; arrest me. I’m not leaving,” Fontoura said Lamparello told sheriff’s officers working security at the church.

“He said, ‘I’m not going, this is God’s house and I’m not leaving,’” Fontoura said, recounting what his officers told him. “The officers tried to convince him to go, and he said, ‘No, no, I’m not leaving.’” Fountoura said the officers called to the pew a bishop, who blessed Lamparello. “We thought that was it and that he would leave,” Fontoura said. “But then he

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STATEHOUSE

State OKs bailout of nuclear plants

Average home’s utility bill likely to rise \$41 annually

Michael Sol Warren For The Star-Ledger

New Jersey utility customers are officially committed to paying \$300 million each year to keep the state’s three remaining nuclear reactors open. The New Jersey Board of Public Utilities decided on Thursday to award Public Service Enterprise Group, the state’s largest utility, three “Zero Emission Credits” — massive subsidies that have been fiercely debated in Trenton for well over a year. The money will go toward operating the Salem 1 and 2 reactors in Lower Alloways Creek that make up the Salem Nuclear Power Plant, which is co-owned by PSEG and Exelon, and the Hope Creek Nuclear Generating Station, also owned by PSEG and also located in Lower Alloways Creek. All three of the plants are licensed to operate for decades into the future. PSEG said in its subsidy applications that the plants would permanently close within three years without financial help. The average residential utility customer in New Jersey will see their bill increase about \$41 annually to pay for the subsidies.

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NUTLEY

2017 suit claimed AD touched teen in ‘intimate spot’

Rebecca Everett For The Star-Ledger

The prominent high school athletic director who caused an uproar last month by calling Adolf Hitler a “good leader” was accused two years earlier of making another inappropriate statement, NJ Advance Media has learned. “You have great legs, great calves and a great ass ... for sports,” Nutley High School athletic director Joe Piro told a female student in his office, according to a 2017 lawsuit that also claimed he touched her in an “intimate spot” under the guise of showing her a basketball move. The school district agreed to pay the student-athlete \$72,500 to settle the case, according to court filings. In the filings, Piro denied the behavior, and the school district admitted no wrongdoing. Nutley school district attorney Marc Zitomer said this month the school fully investigated the allegations, but he is “unable to divulge the results of that investigation or what action, if any, was taken in

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